

BRINGS IMPORTANT DISPATCHES FROM AMERICAN ENVOYS

Consul General at Rotterdam Delivers Communications to President.

HOUSE IS EXPECTED SOON President Denies United States Discourages Point Effort's Toward Peace.

From the standpoint of possible developments in the direction of European peace, widespread interest is shown today in the arrival of Col. S. Listoe, American consul general at Rotterdam, bearing important personal communications to the President from Prof. Henry van Dyke, American minister to Holland, and Brand Whitlock, American minister to Belgium.

Colonel Listoe, who was received by the President as soon as he reached the White House, spent fifteen minutes with the Chief Executive. He presented to the President two souvenirs of the American relief work in Belgium, including a beautiful specimen of Belgian handmade lace and an embroidered pillow-case made from a flour sack.

Talking today with callers the President, while not indicating that any definite peace move was underway, did give a report to the effect that the United States was the only big neutral power which had discouraged joint efforts by the neutral nations to bring about peace. On the contrary, he said, the United States was leading in encouragement to every such movement.

Colonel Listoe declined to indicate the nature of the dispatches which he brought to the President from Ministers Van Dyke and Whitlock, which he delivered personally to the President.

The Administration is still without definite information from Ambassador Gerard regarding the probable nature of Germany's reply to President Wilson's rejoinder on the sinking of the Lusitania.

The President today declined to make any comments on the statements issued almost daily by former Secretary of State Bryan, since the latter's resignation, attacking the German policy of the Administration.

Point of the President and his advisers, the incident of the resignation and what led up to it is a closed one.

In the morning, Senators and Congressmen calling at the White House continue to inform the President that the country is solidly behind him.

Senator Bankhead of Alabama, was one of those who called this morning to congratulate the President.

"It's no comment on Bryan's action," the Senator said in response to a question put to him as he was leaving the White House; "everybody knows my opinion of Bryan."

Although President Wilson denied this morning that he had sent for Col. S. Listoe to return from England, he expressed the hope that the Texas man would be in Washington within the next day or two. He did not dwell on the purpose of Colonel Listoe's return.

Prepare British Note. With the immediate strain so far as the negotiations with Germany are concerned, lifted, the British situation today loomed up as distinctly interesting.

It is intimated unofficially from London that a new British note, replying to the American opposition to the order in council, is being prepared. And, whether because of the seemingly increasing certainty of an amicable understanding with Germany, reports have it that the note will be a final denial of all the American contentions.

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THE WEATHER REPORT. The forecast for the District of Columbia—Probably showers tonight and Wednesday. Maryland—Probably showers tonight and Wednesday; light westerly wind. Virginia—Showers tonight; Wednesday fair in west portion; showers in east portion; moderate westerly winds.

TEMPERATURES. U. S. BUREAU OF WEATHER. 8 a. m. 76 8 a. m. 80 9 a. m. 78 9 a. m. 82 11 a. m. 81 11 a. m. 83 1 p. m. 81 1 p. m. 85 3 p. m. 87 3 p. m. 90 5 p. m. 89 5 p. m. 92 7 p. m. 88 7 p. m. 95

TIDE TABLE. High tide. 9:42 a. m. and 10:11 p. m. Low tide. 3:32 a. m. and 4:33 p. m. **SUN TABLE.** Sun rises. 4:30 Sun sets. 7:32 Light automobile lamps at 8:05 p. m.

ITALIANS HAMPERED BY TERRIBLE HEAT

Temperature Is 100 and Humidity High in Region of Battle of Goritz.

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Austro-Germans Renew Drive At Lemberg From West on 40-Mile Front

PETROGRAD, June 15.—Halted in their attempt to reach Lemberg from the south, the Austro-Germans have renewed their drive from the west along a forty-mile front.

A semi-official statement today reports fierce fighting along the river Sklo, fifty miles west of Lemberg. General Mackensen's center is attacking the Russian positions on the highway leading from Jaroslau to Lemberg. The right wing is again on the offensive near Mociaka.

Shortening of the Russian line south and southeast of Lemberg by the withdrawal of the Bukovina army has resulted in minor successes for the enemy along the Dniester, twenty-eight miles north of Czernowit.

Fiercest Battle For Goritz Raging Along the Isonzo

GENEVA, June 15.—The heaviest fighting of the battle for Goritz is occurring along the Isonzo several miles north of the fortress.

Along a twelve-mile front, extending southward from Ronzina, the Italians are attempting to throw troops across the river at a dozen points. Their object is to reinforce the body of Bragaglia, who crossed at Piava.

Since Saturday the Austrians have been maintaining their position by directing a torrent of fire against the Italians on the west bank of the river. A report that the Italian forces who occupied Monfalcone have advanced to a point near Nabresina, ten miles from Trieste, was received here early today with great reserve.

WILL SWELL LISTS OF TRADE BOOSTERS

Retail Merchants' Association Invites All Business Men on Maryland-Virginia Trip.

The Retail Merchants' Association last night extended to all Washington business men, regardless of whether they are merchants, an invitation to participate in the trade boosting trip through thirty-two Maryland and Virginia towns, which is to be conducted by it. The registration list will remain open until next Thursday night.

President E. P. Andrews explained to the members that a careful canvass of the towns and villages to be visited had disclosed the fact that the merchants and their friends will have an opportunity to meet approximately 100,000 persons on the tour.

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TO HAVE BIG FOURTH IF FUND IS RAISED

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1,000,000 Dolls Held by Blockade

Manager of Chicago Mail Order House Protests Here Against Rotterdam Situation.

Seventy-seven hundred cases of German dolls—about 1,000,000 dolls all told—wait on the dock at Rotterdam, N. J. Bonheim, manager of imports for a Chicago mail order house, complained to the Treasury Department today, for a ship to bring them to the United States, and there was no ship leaving. Hitherto, despite the war, Bonheim said, his company has managed to get most of its German purchases to America by the way of the Holland-American and Swedish-American lines, but today, under the British order in council, everything from Germany was shut out, even though shipped from neutral ports. Appeals to the British government, Bonheim declared, had been in vain.

Besides the dolls, he added, his concern had much other merchandise tied up at Rotterdam.

Times Beauty Gets Many Stage Offers

Miss Ruth Purcell Reserves Decision on Many Contracts Sent to Her.

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If Miss Purcell should prove to have ability to become a screen favorite she may soon be seen in the film dramas of Washington and other cities.

In the event Miss Purcell decides to accept any of the offers, hers will be a remarkable experience.

Typist For A. F. of L. When an admirer offered her photograph in The Times' beauty contest, Miss Purcell was employed as a typist in the headquarters of the American Federation of Labor, where her beauty was admired but its possibilities not realized.

"When she was called before the judges of The Times' contest—men and women drawn from the artistic circles of Washington—she left her desk just long enough to subject herself to a personal inspection, along with ten other girls regarded in the elimination process as the most beautiful of the hundreds entered in The Times' competition."

Furlough was obtained by Miss Purcell when she was informed that she had won the trip to the Pacific Coast, but the Washington winner modestly disclaimed all hope of getting the grand prize in the great contest. Now that she has won, the beautiful girl employed as a stenographer in order to help out her mother, has the prospect of riches and fame ahead.

It is known whether she will care to forsake the office for the stage, but Washington will await her decision with increased interest and commendable pride.

M'COMBS TO GO, RUMOR REPEATS

Gossip was rife here today to the effect that National Chairman McCombs will not manage the next Democratic campaign. Mr. McCombs, it is reported, will be replaced by some other man as chairman when the committee is reorganized in 1916, if he does not resign before that time.

National Committeeman Fred Lynch, of Minnesota, lately chosen chairman of the executive committee, is believed generally to be the man slated for the chairmanship. He had a conference with the President last night.

Details of the conference were not given out, but it was regarded as meaning that the Administration looks on him for counsel in the campaign next year, as well as in the political difficulties which the Bryan resignation may bring about.

A Watch That Sells Regularly at \$27.50

This model is a 14-kt. gold-stiffened, permanently guaranteed hunting case, with fine hand-engraved design—a 17-jeweled, gold movement, either Elgin, Waltham or Rockford.

Finger From Shinbone. COLUMBUS, June 15.—Dr. W. D. Murphy expects in a few weeks to have full use of his left forefinger, which now is partly made from a bone from his left shin. This piece of shin bone was united with the bone of the finger by Dr. John Murphy, the bone specialist, after his patient had broken the digit.

\$350 Webster Upright Piano Almost New \$175 Free Stool and Scarf Terms Arranged Many Other Instruments at Sacrifice Prices

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LUSITANIA UNARMED, SAYS SIR E. CARSON

Investigation Will Prove That Ship Was Peaceful He Tells Court of Inquiry.

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dren should be placed in the boats first, and then went to the bridge. I remained there until the vessel sank."

Captain Turner said he did not know how long he was in the water. He was picked up by a traveler, he said, and landed at Queenstown. He admitted on direct examination by Sir Edward Carson, he had received certain instructions from the admiralty, but he was not pressed to tell what these were.

On cross-examination, Captain Turner said he was fully cognizant of the danger to which the Lusitania was exposed from submarines. The lookout were doubled, he said, and orders given for full speed ahead if a periscope was sighted. Everything possible was done, he said, to save the lives of the liner's passengers as she was struck.

"What part did Mr. Alfred G. Vanderbilt take in the work of rescue?" he was asked.

"I never saw the gentleman," was the response.

While the captain was still under cross-examination, Lord Mersey ordered an adjournment to an ante-room adjoining his chambers where the questioning of the Lusitania's master was continued in private. It was understood that at this secret inquiry Captain Turner was asked about the instructions the admiralty issued to steamship commanders passing through the war zone and whether he obeyed these instructions.

The inquiry was held in Central Hall, Westminster, a building ordinarily used for church services. In the background is a huge pipe organ and near it was a platform partly filled with spectators. Most of these were survivors or friends and relatives of Lusitania victims, including a number of American women in mourning. Dr. J. Mersey is presiding.

Sixty lawyers, representing relatives of victims, occupied front seats. J. D. Langton represented the Frohmann and Attorney Gassott the Vanderbilts. On the walls hung three large charts, diagramming the Lusitania and other liners.

The first evidence introduced today dealt with technical data concerning the construction of the Lusitania. It was aimed to show that explosion of the torpedoes and not an internal explosion sent the liner to the bottom.

Cat Kidnaps Rabbit. CAMDEN, Tenn., June 15.—"Mrs. Fua," the town cat, pet of every merchant on Court square, has been found guilty of kidnapping. The cat had been nursing two kittens in the rear of a store. One of the kittens died and the old cat found a young rabbit in the woods, which she picked up with her teeth and brought to her cracker box home as a companion for the living kitten. Rabbit and kitten became immediate playmates, and the old cat is rearing both.

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HEARING IN FRANK CASE ENDS TODAY

ATLANTA, June 15.—Leo M. Frank's fate seemed certain today to be in Governor Slaton's hands before the adjournment of the hearing this afternoon. How long the executive would take for consideration before deciding whether or not to commute the condemned man's sentence from death to life imprisonment he would not say.

W. M. Howard, of Frank counsel, made his closing argument today. Answering ex-Gov. J. M. Brown's objection earlier in the hearing to clemency for his client, he asserted that Brown himself pardoned twenty-five murderers just before he went out of office. In reply to those who had urged the governor not to disregard the jury's verdict in the Frank case, the attorney

made the point that executive clemency can be exercised only after a case has been passed on by the courts, so that a rule against disregard of a jury verdict would mean an end to all pardons and commutations.

Woman Declared Dead Eight Years After Wreck

DECATUR, Ill., June 15.—Eight years after her death, Mrs. George A. Keller has been declared legally dead by Judge McCoy in the Macon county court, and her estate, valued at \$300,000, ordered turned over to her husband.

Mrs. Keller lost her life when she and her three daughters went down with the steamer Columbia in a storm on the Pacific coast.

Bulgaria Buying Arms In U. S., Rome Informed

ROME, June 15.—An unconfirmed report that Bulgaria has placed a large order for arms and ammunition in America, payable through a German bank, caused a sensation in political circles here this afternoon.

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